Kuwait reaffirms 5.

KUWAII, March 9 (R). — Kuwait has told its oil customers that it intends to increase petroleum prices by 15 mers that it intends to increase petroleum prices by 15 per cent this year, the newspaper Al Siyassah said today. The newspaper quoted oil company sources as saying the customers had been informed that Kuwait would increase its prices by five per cent as of July 1, Another Kuwaiti newspaper, Al Anbea, reported today that all oil-producing countries in the Gulf had agreed in principle on a compromise which would restore OPEC unity on prices it said the countries had agreed in principle. on prices. It said the countries had agreed in principle on a uniform increase of eight per cent during the year, but said OPEC members might "have to consider another increase by the end of the year."

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AMMAN, THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1977 — RABIE AWAL 20, 1397

CAIRO, March 9 (R). — Leaders of 60 African and Arab states ended their first joint su-

mmit here today by adopting

policy declarations designed to

forge close cooperation between

the Third World's major pro-ducers of oil and raw materi-

During the three-day Afro-

Arab summit here, oil-produ-

Africa, one of the least deve-

roughly two thirds of an origi-

nal African demand, tabled by

Tanzania, which was the sub-

ject of prolonged debate at a

foreign ministers' conference

Heads of state and govern-

ment or their representatives

today signed four documents on

economic and political coope-

ration which could, if fully im-

plemented, result in the emer-

Rhodesia, independence for Na-

ements and an increase in the

Development in Africa and the

African Development Bank in

the Ivory Coast capital of Abi-

Kuwait, Qatar and the United

Arab Emirates will boost the

capital of the Khartoum bank

by \$180 million to \$544.5 mil-

lion and that of the bank in

Abidjan by \$35 million to about

in Khartoum, Mr. Chedly Ay-

ari, told a press conference af-

ter the summit that the two fi-

nancial institutions would meet

The chairman of the bank

Aid pledges by Saudi Arabia,

apartheid in South Africa.

communications.

in international politics.

preceding the summit.

The promised aid came up to

loped regions in the world.

Callaghan, Concorde zip to U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 9 (R). — British Prime Minister James Callaghan was due in Washington tonight for talks with President Carter, likely to cover the vexed issue of New York landing rights for the Concorde supersonic jetliner. Mr. Callaghan flew here aboard one of the Angli-French planes, which are likely to be barred from Kennedy Airport in a ruling expected soon. The main topic is still likely to be a review of the world economic scene. Mr. Callaghan said in London that he did not want to "whip up any frenzy" over Concorde. Britain's French partners in the costly venture have threatened to retaliate against the U.S. if the plane is barred from New York.

Price: 50 fils

In case of a settlement

Sarter: Israel's defence ines may go beyond its legal borders

ASHINGTON, March 9 (R). sident Jimmy Carter said " or to ay Israel would withdraw stantially from occupied Benin ib territory under any inte-Middle East peace agreem-Soul which may be negotiated. s might extend for a cer-1 period beyond its legal

ders.

de told a news conference an agreement "would inthe substantial withdrawal ligrael's present control over territories. ere that control might end I t know. I would guess thewould be some minor adthe liments in Israel's 1967 bor-

Brael would have to have Margar manent and recognised bois agreed to by itself and Arab neighbours, he said.

out, "the defence lines may
may not conform in the fomeable future to those legal
ders. There may be an exsion of the Israeli defence ability beyond the permanand recognised borders." sked to clarify his remarks, ()() said he had not defined "an eli defence capability", but gested it might involve an mational force, demilitariszones, or electronic monitor-

rating in the Sinai. he president, speaking after days of intensive talks h Israeli premier Yitzhak in, said Israel should be to defend itself by estament of international zon-Ly placing troops beyond borders, or by setting up _iltoring stations.

posts similar to those now

he president appeared to alking about an interim petreaty in the Middle East ch would give Israel what considered to be "defensi-borders". He did not dise his thoughts about the chaer of a final and irrevoca-Arab-Israeli settlement.

e also spoke of an "interim e" of borders pending full tions between Israel and its b neighbours but did not specifically whether he israeli forces should remoutside geographical borin a final settlement.

or did he define exactly t he thought would be "de-ible" borders for Israel, dewhat he said was his ... is that there would be only ... :-Or adjustments to the pre-

r. Rabin told reporters here erday that defensible bord-"do not coincide in any with the kind of bounda-which existed before the

Carter did not differen-

clearly between the situn emerging from an interim and and ultimate peace ne-ations in terms of borders. n an interim state, which at be two or four years, 8 Would be a mutual deestration of friendship and and to the declared state of he said.

traci and the United States ild like an end to bellige-y and recognition of the eli right to exist, with free le and tourist travel and ural exchange, he said. his would involve substanwithdrawal of Israel's precontrol of occupied Arab Itories and minor adjustmin its pre-1967 borders. to say exactly what changes would be made. These would emerge as part of a "long and tedious process of negotia-

Echoing Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Mr. Carter said there were three central pro-blems -- the need for an ultimate commitment to a complete peace, delineating borders, which he called "highly con-troversial," and dealing with

news conference today he was lifting travel restrictions on Americans to Vietnam, North Korea and Cuba as part of an effort to end violations of human rights in the United States as well as in the Soviet Union

He stressed that his recent statements on human rights were not directed solely at the Soviet Union. Mr. Carter issued his own

personal disavowal of a controversial statement yesterday by an American delegate to the U.N. human rights commission that the U.S. played a role in the 1973 overthrow of Chilean President Salvador Allende. He said the delegate, Mr. Brady Tyson, was not speaking

for the U.S. government and added that a Senate investigating committee had found no evidence of a U.S. role in the 1973 coup. The president again prodded Moscow to accept some of his

arms as a way of removing problems in American-Soviet strategic arms limitation (SA-LT) talks and reaching an agreement quickly He said he had not received a reply from the Russians to a suggestion that the Soviet Ba-

ckfire bomber and the American Cruise missile should be dropped from the current talks and taken up again when negotiations start for yet another

said today the United States had informed Israel that its decision to ban the sale of 24 Israeli Kfir fighters to Ecuador was final.

Knesset.

ies Company, but it is equipped with an American engine, which gives the U.S. a say on exports of the plane. President Carter's administrations opposes the sale to Ecuador claiming it would introduce new sophisticated armaments into Latin America.

med British sources said that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will stop in London briefly on Sunday while on his way home following his talks in Wa-

Belgian parliament dissolved, elections to be held April 17

SSELS. March 9 (Agencies) Prime Minister Leo Tindes announced today that parent had been dissolved and elections would be held on

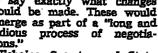
r. Tindemans made the annement after a cabinet methis morning. He said his unment would continue in se in a caretaker capacity.

. 20 prime minister said he posed a three-month link the Socialists to allow : to find a solution to devom problems -- more autoy for the country's French-Dutch- speaking regions. he three-party Social Chris-Liberal coalition led by Mr. lemans had been showing

some weeks. This came to a head last week when the premier expelled the French-language Rassemblement Wallon (RW) party leaving the govern-ment with two seats short of a majority in parliament.

The premier preferred dissolving parliament rather than face a vote of no-confidence. It was the first time since 1945 that a premier has dissolyed parliament without resigning. However the government is only entitled to handle current affairs until a new parlia-

ment has been elected. The premier said his urgent talks with leaders of all parties in parliament during the past few days showed that opinions on devolution varied too much s of internal tension for for quick solutions.



the Palestinian issue.

The president also told the and elsewhere.

proposals on limiting nuclear

Allon: U.S. Kfir veto is final

TEL AVIV, March 9 (Agencies) Foreign Minister Yigal Allon

Unless a suitable alternative was found for the deal, the entire Kfir production could be jeopardised, Mr. Allon told the

However, he stated that Israel intends to develop an aircraft export industry even if the United States maintains its veto on the sale.

The mach 2.2 Kfir is made the Israel Aircraft Industr-

Meanwhile, in London, infor-

During his stay in Cairo, King Hussein held a series of tions to the summit.

The King held meetings with Presidents Sadat, Hafez Assad of Syria, Elias Sarkis of Lebanon and the head of the Kuwai-

Talks centred on bilateral relations, current Arab issues, tion states and the expected

Arafat and discussed with him the development of the Palestine issue, Jordanian-Palesti



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sion of the Afro-Arab summit conference. Premier Mudai Badran and Chief of the Royal Cabinet Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf are seen sitting behind the King. At right, an unidentified official of the Arab League passes the document around for signature.

King Hussein returns after Cairo summit

AMMAN (Agencies). — His Majesty King Hussein returned here Wednesday from Cairo after attending the Afro-Arab

The King was accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Ba-dran, Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim and Assistant Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Abdul Hadi Al Majali

He was received at Amman airport by His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahlat Talhouni, Cabinet ministers and top government, army and public security officials, as well as the Egyptian charge d'affaires and the British ambassador in Amman.

Mr. Badran told reporters the summit was "successful... and had many benefits on the Afro-Arab and Afro-Jordanian

He said an Afro-Arab summit would be held every three years and that Sudan and Uganda had already made invitations to hold future summits

The prime minister added that Jordan's \$1 million donation to aid liberation movements in Africa was deeply appreciated by both the Arabs and the Africans.

Premier Badran praised Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for his great efforts in making a success of the meeting and furthering Afro-Arab cooperation. He also praised Saudi Arabia for financially backing the African states and for its constru-

ctive role at the conference. In an interview with the Egyptian daily Al Ahram King Hussein said the noble attitude of most African states which stood by the Arab right and severed diplomatic relations with Israel after the October 1973 war has caused Israeli in fluence in the African continent to shrink. This eventuality prompted Israel to exert her efforts to undermine Afro-Arab

The King called for more cooperation with African states in order to thwart Israeli designs, and he called on Arab information media to stress to the African peoples the fact that our problems and their were the same and that our aims for liberation and independence were identical.

meetings with Arab and African heads of state and delega-

ti delegation.

joint action by the confrontaoutcome of the Afro-Arab summit as regards the strengthening of relations between the

Arab and African blocs. After the summit's Tuesday morning session, King Hussein received in his apartment at the Hilton Hotel the President of the Democratic People's Republic of Yemen, Salem Rubaye' Ali.

Later he received Mr. Yasser

nian relations, coordination of action among the confrontation states and the present situation in the region. He also visited Jordan's em-

bassy in Cairo and met the ambassador and his staff. On Tuesday evening the King continued his contacts: He re-ceived Saudi Foreign Minister

Prince Saud Al Feysal, as well as Sheikh Khalifeh Ibn Hamad Al Thani of Qatar and Issa Ibn Salman Al Khalifeh of Bah-Earlier in the afternoon the

King received the President of the Yemen Arab Republic Ibrahim Al Hamdi, and the advisor to Sultan Oaboos of Oman. He discussed with all these

leaders current Arab issues, the future Middle East situation and the necessity of promoting Arab cooperation in various fields to liberate the occupied Arab land and restore the Palestinian people's rights.

King Hussein also received a number of heads of African delegations to the Cairo sum-

The King and his accompanying delegation were seen off at Cairo airport by President Sadat, his deputy Husni Mubarak, Prime Minister Mamdouh Salem and other senior Egyptian officials, as well as Jor-

as soon as possible to discuss Ethiopia warns its consent essential for Red Sea security

CAIRO, March 9 (R). — Any Arab plans for the Red Sea would fail if they did not have the approval of Ethiopia, the head of the Ethiopian delegation to the Afro-Arab summit said here

Commenting on recent Arab declarations on Red Sea security, Ato Berhanu Dinka, head of the African Affairs Department in the Ethiopian Foreign Ministry said: "Any arrange-ment over the Red Sea which does not have our consent will

"If they want to have peace, Ethiopia's position must be taken into account," he told a press conference.

Ethiopia's entire coastline is in the province of Eritrea, which is affected by a protracted conflict between government troops and secessionist forces. Mr. Ato Behanu was asked why his delegation was at such a low-level. He replied that it was not low level, and that every state had a right to decide who should represent it.

At another press nonference here, a spokesman for one of the two major Eritrean guerr-illa movements accused Ethiopla of openly cooperation with Israel.

Mr. Osman Saleh Sabbe of the Eritrean Liberation Front-Popular Liberation Forces (ELF-PLF) said Ethiopia was provi-

ding maritime facilities for the Israelis and had allowed them to set up military bases on the island of Fatma, about 15 kms east of the Red Sea port of As-

Questioned on the nature of the Israeli bases on Fatma, Mr. Sabbe said there had been a small monitoring station to log shipping through the Red Sea since 1969. Israeli advisors had paid recent visits to the Island in apparent preparation for an expansion of the station. Military experts said that the distance across the Red Sea from the Island -- about 50

kms - - would be ideal for monitoring all shipping passing through the strategic Bab Al Mandab straits at the mouth of the Red Sea just to the south. Mr. Sabbe added that the Israelis had also started building an airstrip on the island. At the moment, however, only about four Israeli experts were

The guerrilla spokesman said in reply to questions that his forces had recently begun receiving increased supplies of 120 mm mortars. But the movement lacked artillery and rockets. "We are trying to get them." Mr. Sabbe added that the gu-

present there.

errilla fighting force had increased by at least 50 per cent over the last year but declined to give specific figures.

the distribution of the promi-sed funds. No time limit for the injection of the money had been

Afro-Arab summit winds up

with policy declarations

to forge closer cooperation

by the fordan Press Foundation

He said use of the promised funds was a long-term process which might not be completed by the time the next Afro-Arab summit met. One of the documents adopted here provided for an Afro-Arab summit to be cing Arab countries pledged to provide almost \$1.5 billion to help economic development in convened every three years, and a foreign ministers' meeting everv 18 months.

Speakers at the closing session hailed the summit as a resounding success and a milestone in the history of the Third World.

Closing the meeting, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt said:
"I announce to the people of the world the full success of Afro-Arab summit which achieved its aims in realising the hopes of our peoples on the African continent and in the Arab World."

Mr. Sadat told delegates that gence of a formidable power they had taken Afro-Arab cooperation a great step forward, "from solidarity to cohesion." Similar notes of euphoria were The political declaration gave full support to the Palestinian sounded by Presidents Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, Siad Barre cause, black majority rule in of Somalia, Jafaar Nimeiri of mibia (Southwest Africa) and Sudan, and Ahmadou Ahidjo the French territory of the Afof Cameroun.

ars and Issas, and an end to Lower-level delegates here also expressed optimism over A declaration on Afro-Arab the prospects of a powerful allcooperation pledged joint action iance of Afro-Arab countries. in finance, mining, trade, indus-But the English-language Catry, agriculture, energy, trans-

iro newspaper Egyptian Gazette introduced a note of scepticism port, communications and telein an editorial which said it wo-Two other documents coveuld remain to be seen how mured economic cooperation, incluch those who had been makding the need for the establishing stirring speeches in Cairo remembered of them when they ment of preferential trade agrreturned home. capital of both the Khartoum-Despite the progress made based Arab Bank for Economic

here on the road to Afro-Arab solidarity, the newspaper said, "Many Arab and African leaders must be helped to raise their line of vision beyond the ends of their own noses and begin to take a genuine interest in the problems of others.

"The Africans and Arabs still have a long way to go to achieve their cherished dream of full integration, but the Cairo summit of March 1977 will be remembered as a milestone along the road," the newspaper

The first Afro-Arab summit managed to stay remarkably detached from some of the side issues and disputes which have marred so many international gatherings.

Although most countries had an opportunity to speak at one or other of the meetings, there was a general abstinence from raising some of the bilateral strife which affects several of

them. Some states, such as Benin and Uganda, raised regional issues unconnected with the aim of the conference, but they produced almost no reaction. Benin brought up the myster-

ious raid on its economic capital of Cotonou in January which was blamed on unidentified mercenaries, and Morocco reacted against allegations that it was involved. But the smouldering dispute had little impact. President Idi Amin of Uganda, making the first speech at the summit itself, had little to sav about Afro-Arab cooperation and concentrated instead on a defence of his much-critic-

ised rule. But even he was comparatively mild, and left observers with the distinct impression that he was allowed to speak first so that the conference could get down to business.

The spadework on the economic and political declarations was well done by the foreign ministers.

The Africans, who had presented, through Tanzania, proposals for Arab financial aid totaling \$2.2 billion, reacted with good grace when the conference eventually adopted a broad statement of principles without any mention of figures.

So it was a pleasant surprise when Saudi Arabia came up with a pledge of one billion dollars, with others following suit to set the total at close to \$1.5

Some of the Arabs seemed as surprised as the delighted Africans, and informed sources said some of the poorer Arab states without oil wealth hoped it would lead to aid coming their way as well.

But the type of acrimony which the Egyptian press displayed today in scoffing at Lib-ya's contribution of only two million dollars to African liberation movements does not seem to have affected the conference itself.

Another potential troublespot, the summit's attitude to guerrilla movements operating in Africa and the Middle East, was also avoided.

Mr. Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation had a seat in both conference by universal approval.

A highlight of the conference

was the meeting between His Majesty King Hussein and Mr. Arafat - - their first in six years. Kuwaiti newspapers today welcomed the meeting as a turning point in relations between

Jordan and the PLO. Palestinian sources however denied that the date of a pla-

The various groups working for independence in the French Territory of the Afars and Issas were granted observer status, and made little impact.

The secessionists operating in Eritrea, and the Polisario Front working to break up joint Moroccan and Mauritanian rule in the Western Sahara were left out in the cold.

Several states on each side are known to have widely differing views on cooperation itself, particularly when it comes to handing out cash or, on the other side, giving Arabs cont-rol over African development projects.

Yet the eventual result of each oil-state announcing its own contributions, with money going through various institutions, appeared to be acceptable to all. The actual mechanics of the

conference were also extremely

smooth, with most of the sum-

mit on national television, for all to see. Indeed, it may be that the only people with grounds for complaint were the Cairo motorists robbed of a few streets to ease their enormous traffic problems, and the tourists who found all first and most

second-class hotels taken over

Ihree mysterious hostage dramas grip Washington

WASHINGTON, March 9 (R). - Gunmen today stormed into three buildings in Washington - one Jewish offe Moslem and the capital's local government offices -- and seized hostages in all three.

Police said Mr. Walter Washington, the black Mayor of the District of Columbia, had been taken hostage at the government office and a city councillor had been shot.

Police said they had no firm word whether the three inci-dents were related, but they suspected the first two -- at the B'nai B'rith Jewish organisation headquarters and the

Islamic centre - - might be. No demands had been received from the armed groups and no details were available on

their identity, police added.

The first hostage drama began around 11 a.m. when four armed men burst into the B'nai B'rith building and seized 50 to 100 hostages, police said.

About four hours later, 16 of the hostages were released and were being questioned by police.

The second incident began around midday about five km away, at the Islamic Centre, where at least one man was holding 15 people hostages. No other details were available. The third incident apparently

started about four hours after B'nai B'rith was stormed. Sketchy police report said two people -- city councillor Marion Barry and a security guard -were shot. Police said Mr. Barry, who was among those who led the

civil rights marches in the south in the 1960s, was shot in the chest and the head. He was reported in serious condition in hospital. Reuter correspondent Tom Stewart reported from the Is-

lamic Centre that the building was seized either during or shortly after midday prayers at the centre's mosque. Police said there was no gunfire. They sealed off the area

immediately.

cluding Mayor Washington. were being held on the fifth floor of the District of Colum-Several shots were fired at

the outset of the drama there.

Police said five hostages, in-

One man, believed to be the security guard who was shot. was lying motionless in the hallway outside the city council

office. Police sealed off a wide areas around the building as a fire engine, with its ladder extended, manoeuvred into position on one side.

At the B'nai B'rith offices police said that not all of the to 100 people inside the building were under the direct control of the invaders, who were carrying at least one rifle and a knife. Some of the people in the building were locked in offices.

Police said at least two people there had been hurt - one with a head wound and the other with cuts on the head. Neither was seriously wound-

The armed group arrived at the B'nai B'rith in a van police said was hired by a person "with an Arab sounding na-

This initialy raised speculation the incident might be linked with the visit of Israeli Premier Yitzbak Rabin, who has just completed two days of talks with President Carter and was meeting Jewish leaders when the B'nai B'rith was rai-

But there was no word from police or elsewhere of any link with Mr. Rabin's visit. Roads around the three besieged buildings were sealed to

all traffic and huge traffic jams built up. People identifying themselves as belonging to the Hanafi Black Moslem sect later claimed to be responsible for taking

hostages at the B'nai B5rith headquarters. A man who answered the telephone told Reuters the group objected to the showing of the film "Muhammad, Messenger

of God." He said it misrepresented the Moslem faith. The film has been advertised as due to open here shortly.

"It is fiction," the man shouted in an agitated voice. "It is playing with our faith." A second man identified the first speaker as leader of their group, Khalifa Hamas Abdul Khalis, but he would not say

where they were from.





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Not yet historic

The first Afro-Arab summit, like all summits, has been a gathering of pomp and pronouncement, a forum where both sides could reiterate their commitments to the lofty principles of cooperation and mutual aid. No new ground had been broken and no new policies have been adopted. The summit has only reaffirmed the fact of Afro-Arab solidarity, even though this solidarity is punctured by many conflicts.

The large financial aid pledges the Arabs have made to the causes of African economic development and national liberation movements will be welcomed by both sides. They may not be so readily welcomed in the West, where the potentials inherent in a coherent Afro-Arab international economic and political programme is something the West is probably more aware of than the Africans and the Arabs them-

The combined economic potential of the African and Arab states is almost incalculable, and that potential has sought to make itself heard of late, particularly at the north-south dialogue in Paris. The dialogue sessions are expected to resume by the end of May. They will be more realistic than the past sessions, both because of a fresh positive attitude by the new Carter administration in Washington and more rational demands by the Third World. Nowhere is the combined power of the Afro-Arab bloc better dramatised than at these economic talks.

The real test of the summit that has been held in Cairo this week is not the resonance of the ringing speeches or the cash value of financial aid that is pledged. Rather, it is the extent to which the participants will be clearheaded enough to appreciate the order of priorities of their mutual problems and challenges -- including the challenges of Israel and the white minority regimes of Southern Africa -- and the extent to which they will truely coordinate policies to deal with the rest of the world on a fair and universally productive basis, especially via such forums as the north-south talks.

If this is done, the summit shall truely have been

King Talal Dam starts gathering precious water

Special to the Jordan Times

The King Talal Dam struc-ture resembles a two-sided hill, or a two-sided pyramid. It is known as an earth and rock-fill type dam, with a central clay core.

When completed, its height above the river bed will be 92 metres, with a crest width of 330 metres.

Its central core is made of highly compressed clay, which is mined locally. When the clay is compacted, it forms a thoroughly sealed and solid structure, 43 metres wide on the river bed, tapering off to five metres wide at the top of the dam.

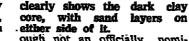
Around this clay core, on each side, are 2½-metre-wide layers of "fine-filter" material, otherwise known as sand. This is covered by the main body of the dam, which is a combi-nation of layers of "crushed aggregate" stoney material and "random fill" coarse grained rock and earth. Viewed from either the upstream or downstream sides, the dam looks no more exciting than a sloping hill full of rocks and

The clay core and fine-filter layers, at the centre of the dam, are not visible from the outside. The total volume of the fill material in the dam, for those interested, is 4,216 million cubic metres, and the total amount of concrete used is 90,675 cubic metres.

The initial feasibility study for the dam was carried out in 1969 by the Yugoslav company Energoprojekt, while dril-ling and other site investigation works were simultaneously done by the Czechoslovak firm Stroiexport. Energoprojekt was awarded

the contract to design the dam and supervise construc-tion, while the French firm of Coyne et Bellier was hired as reviewing consultants for the The contract for construction

was awarded to the Yugoslav firm Planum in October 1971, and work got underway in January 1972. The entire project, for the





The reservoir starts to form behind King Talal Dam, and will eventually stretch 6.5 kms. behind the dam. (All photos by Rami G. Khouri).

Jordanian government has be-en handled by the Jordan River and Tributaries Region-

al Corporation.
As main contractor, Planum took on two nominated subcontractors: The Italian company Riva Calzoni was res-ponsible for manufacturing, supplying and installing all the hydromechanical equipment in the dam, while the Yugoslav firm of Geosonda undertook all the grouting and drainage

Another_firm, the Lebanese company Fahmi Karagula, th-



clearly shows the dark clay ough not an officially nominated sub-contractor, was hired by Planum to do the construction of the main dam st-

As the diversion tunnel was closed last week and the river waters started to be stored, the crest of the main dam itself had 15 more metres to rise before completion. It is now at 154-metres ASL, and by September will reach its peak of 169 metres ASL.

Plans also call for the dam to be raised another 9.5 metres ... but not before at least 30 years. When it is thus enlarged, its live storage capa-city will increase from 48 mil-lion to 68 million cubic met-

While the dam waters will be released for year-round irrigation use in the Jordan Valley starting this spring and summer, it will take another two years at best (and more likely three or four) before the King Talal Dam waters reach the homes of Amman

A French company has been hired to carry out design stu-dies on how best to bring the water to Amman. The exact dam site is immediately after the junction of the Zarqa River and Wadi Rumeimin, with its small Rumeimin River. kms. east of the confluence of the Zarqa and Jordan Rivers.
It is easily accessible by

road from Amman, at a distance of 41 kms. from the capital, on the old Amman-Jerash road, which is reached by turning left at kilomet-re 31 on the Amman-Damas-

starts reaching Amman, it will flow at an initial rate of 10 million cubic metres in the first year and 20 million cubic metres in the second year.

The dam waters will allow the irrigation of an additional 60,000 dunums of land in the Jordan Valley. This water will feed the 26-km extension of the East Ghor Canal which is now under construction (to irrigate 48,000 dunums) and will bring water for 12,000 dunums of sprinkler-irrigated land in the Zarqa Triangle (at the contion of human rights. I figure that Jimmy Carter himself cannot check into the human rights situation in every country in the world and also have enough time to do his other chores, so last week I decided to help him, and I took a stroll around the Third Circle to investigate whether there have been denials of human rights in that august neighbour-

The matter of human rights has become so

newsworthy in the past few weeks that I have

decided to put aside my quest for a Middle East peace for one week to look into the ques-

Omar Jawad: Hey, Abdul Wahhab, how's the human rights situation in your restaurant Abdul Wahhab: You're a little late, Omar.

and some hot chicken in the oven.
OJ: No, no, you don't understand. Have your human rights been abused recently? Do you feel oppressed?

I'm all out of those, but I've got some kefta

Abdul Wahhab: No, everything's OK with the rights, but on the left side I've got this pain in my back that just will not go away. I don't feel oppressed, but I have a terrible

OJ: Do you feel the power of the state bearing down on you and abusing your freedom?

Abdul Wahhab: Boy, am I glad you asked that, because the power of the state is something I have some real complaints about. We have our electricity cut off every night, and I just can't seem to get any action from the electricity and power department. If the state would bring its power into my home and office and keep it there 24 hours a day, I would be a real happy man.

OJ: Abdul Wahhab, you don't seem to un-derstand me. I'm investigating the human rights situation. You know, such as: Do you feel intimidated when you speak on the tele-

Abdul Wahhab: Speak on the telephone?!
I have to wait three days after every rainfall in order to use my phone. And at home, I've been waiting six years for a phone and I still don't have one. I'd gladly let myself be intimidated if they'd just give me a phone to see what it feels like.

Seeing as I was getting nowhere in the restaurant, I moved along to my friend Abdullah who sells lottery tickets on the corner.

OJ: Hey, Abdullah, I'm looking into the human rights situation in this area. What do you think of the rights this week? Abdullah: Look, Omar, you're my friend,

and I'll give you a real inside tip. You're wasting your money if you only buy the right portion of the lottery ticket, because you'll only win less if you actually get a winning ticket. So take my advice, don't stress rights only. Buy both the right and the left portions of the ticket, and your family will love you if

OJ: No, no, Abdullah, you don't understand. I'm talking about human rights. You know, freedom, liberty, free choice, happress and all that

bourhood. I used to have more free choice

than anyone else in the world, but I don't any more, and I'm angry about it. I'm feeling cheated and denied my basic rights. I'm pay chologically tormented. My life has been thrown into chaos. I get lost and confused when I come up here to the Third Circle.

OJ: Oh, really? Tell me more, give me the details of how your rights have been dealed.

Third Circle Phantasmic By Omar Jawad

The fruits of freedom...

by the state. Abdullah: Sure, Pli tell you. I'll tell you how a single sudden act by the state can ruln a person for years. I'll tell you how our lives are suddenly full of confusion and loss.

I'll tell you how the arbitrary power of the authorities has made my life a living hell I'll tell you all this and more. They've moved the fruit and vegetable market! The fruit and vegetable market that was my shelter in the rain, my source of nourishment on slow days and snowy afternoons, my place of rest and shade during the long hot lunch breaks of summer, my site of constant companionship and fresh turnips. And I could sell at least one hundred tickets there every week. But now it's gone, all gone, torn down by the

Do you want to know about the agony or losing your freedom of choice? Do you know what torment is? Anguish? Confusion that rocks your soul and shatters your entire be ing? It's too hard to fight it, Omar, and I can not go on much longer. I have been denies the most important fundamental right that is the heritage of every Arab, the freedom of choice that is the cornerstone of Arab civili sation: I can no longer choose between tangerines, large oranges and bananas for a snack after my nap every afternoon. I don't see mnd sense in going on like this any more. What greater right can a man possibly be denied?

OJ: Abdullah, this is a very serious charge

you are making and I will have to send report to President Carter.

Abduliah: You do that, Omar, and be sure to send copies to Amnesty Internationa and the U.N. Human Rights Commission. I you can get them to send some investigating teams here for an on-the-spot inquiry, I'd ap preciate it very much.
OJ: Why? Could you tell them more thing

about the denial of your human rights?

Abdullah: I don't think I can tell then anything else, but I'm sure I could sell then a few lottery tickets, and at least that would help make up the loss of the old fruit any vegetable market stallkeepers. One hundre tickets a week! Gone. Proof! Just like that! don't understand this world any more, Oma One day we have our fruit and vegetable market, the next day we lose both our right and our fresh fruits. I'd give away all m human rights if I could have just half thos fruit stalls back in business. How can I ge through the coming summer without a water melon every evening? Do you think I coultrade some of my rights for some of the fruit and vegetables? How about if I give up fre speech, free press and freedom of assembly for turnips, watermelons and large onions?

OJ: Hmmmmm, I think I may be able the help out. Fil call President Carter and get it touch with you again soon. You've been ver helpful, Abdullah. In the meantime, if you th stand. I'm talking about human rights. You nk of anything else, call a fellow in Washing know, freedom, liberty, free choice, happy to nest and all that.

Abdullah: Well let me tell you something about free choice and happiness in this neighbout free choice and happiness in this neighbout free choice and happiness in this neighbout free choice and happiness in this neighbour free choice and happiness in this neighb

fluence of the Zarqa and Jordan Rivers). ley has a net total of 324,600 dunums of irrigable land on the East Bank of the Jordan River,

of which only 111,000 are now under irrigation by the East Ghor Canal and water from seven side valleys (or wadis) that run into the Jordan River.) Provision has also been made in the dam design to build a hydro-power station at the

downstream side of the dam's irrigation outlet, where the water flows out of the reservoir on its way to the Jordan

The power station will have the drawing board to devel two turbo-alternators of 2,500 kW capacity each, with a guaranteed power output of 1,650 kW for eight-hour daily operation. The cost of the power station today is put at JD 1 million, but plans have not been finalised as to exact-

ly when it will be built.

In addition to the irrigation, drinking water and power be-nefits from the King Talal Dam, Jordan will also soon find itself with a 6.5-km-long lake with an average width of 400 metres and a shore length of 20 kms. Plans are still on touristic and recreational falities around the lake, will be close to the Dibi National Park area, and v. likely emerge as a major fo us for tourism in Jordan.

A fisheries developme scheme is also in the pipeli but will not start to mater

lise until the reservoir is co pletely full. This is expect to come about after the w-ter of 1977-78, by which ti-plans for leisure and touris; facilities for boating swiming, fishing and lounging :the waterside could start g ting under way.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Four Jordanian dailies commented in their Wednesday editorials on the Afro-Arab summit and on the speech of His Majesty King Hussein at the conference.
AL RA'I, says that the King

outlined a number of facts which affect Afro-Arab relations: The Arabs living in Morocco, Libya, Algeria and other Arab countries in North Africa constitute a significant portion of the African population. In particular, their geographic posi-tion at the gates of Africa has to be taken into account politically. Both Africa and the Arab

World share an experiment in development; they have both emerged from a state of colonisation. In spite of their independence, there still exists in their midst pockets of racism and colonialism, like Palestine, Rhodesia and South Africa, which will be liberated before long by the will of the peo-ples of the Arab World and

They are called upon to face the challenges of the 20th cen-tury by developing their coun-tries and exploiting their natural wealth. They are also called upon, the paper concludes, to work jointly for a better fu-

AL DUSTOUR says that by reminding the conferees of the natural and spiritual links between the Arabs and the Afri-cans, His Majesty wanted the conference to assume its responsibilities by setting up joint

that Afro-Arab potential was activated by an organised plan.
AL SHA'B, also commenting on His Majesty's speech, says that the Arabs and Africans,

to put an end to underdevelopment, racism and exploitation. The African countries are facing a challenge of evicting the remnants of foreign colonisation and white racism in Rhodesia and South Africa.

tions alike. The success of the conference will be judged by the steps it adopts to set up the necessary institutions to follow up coordination and cooperation

institutions to develop and organise these ties, instead of paying lip service to Afro-Arab solidarity. It is time, the paper adds,

who are united by historic ties, meet today on common ground,

The Arabs have the same problem in Palestine, the paper

Both peoples, as outlined by His Majesty, are bound by a commitment to a new international economic order to ensure equality and justice for in-dustrialised and developing na-

between Arabs and Africans,

the paper concludes.
AL AKHBAR, says that during the past Europeans divi-ded the African continent into two parts; one north of the

Sahara and another to the sou-th of the desert.

This division demonstrates an outsider's view of Africa. The paper adds that the Europeans have not been able to enter the heart of Africa. This division did not exist during the golden Arab age and

it no longer exists, now that Africa is largely independent. Following the colonialist era, the paper adds, dialogue started between the Arabs and African on the basis of common interests and mutual respect.
The Afro-Arab summit is but

the start of a new but also old and strong relationship which should be once again brought to the surface, the paper con-

Egyptian newspapers today rebuked Libya for pledging only two million dollars in assistance to Africa at the Afro-Arab summit meeting.
In an editorial which reflec-

ted the strained relations bet-ween Egypt and Libya, Al Goumhouria said the Libyan pledge was modest in compa-rison to the \$1.5 billion promi-sed by Saudi Arabia and three oil-producing Gulf states. "Briefly speaking, the colo-nel's ways have not changed: He will give tens of millions of dollars where he is not suppo-

dollars where he is not suppo-sed to pay, sends his army where it is not wanted, and withholds funds or arms supplies where he should have gi-

The newspaper's mention of the Libyan army referred to alleged Libyan involvement in an attempted coup against Pre-sident Nimeiri of Sudan last

"The colonel keeps repeating that he is the man who changed the face of Africa aganist Israel," Al Goumhouria said, "But his meagre payment of two million dollars compared with liberal Arab donations ru-nning into hundreds of millions

gives the lie to his pretensions.

The semi-official Al Ahram said the Libyan contribution was "an expression of the nature of the ruling Libyan regime. Its behaviour in Arab and African arenas is far from being committed to any recogni-sed values..."

Ahmed Zein, a senior editor of the mass-circulation Cairo daily Al Akhbar said that "Carlos", the man held responsible for a number of spectacular acts of violence, had received much more from Libya than the two million dollars pledged

General view of the dam. dark strip along the top.

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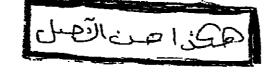
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Dean of newscasters reminisces

Lowell Thomas: First due here for U.S. met Jordan in 1917

By Irene Ramadan secial to the Jordan Times

enere are two people alive y who were with the Arab y during World War I. mad Abu Tayeh, who is 75 s old. The other is Lowell nas, the 84-year-old dean ewscasters, reporter of grerents and intimate friend of hadary leaders who has himbecome a legend.

well Thomas, who covered, ag other things, Lawrence rabia's campaign, arrived mman a week ago "to see the country has changed 1917." For him this trip 🖟 simultaneously a pilgrimand a honeymoon.

e Jordan Times met Mr. nas after he returned from and Petra, two places as known well for more half a century.
was in 1917. In those

Aqaba was a tiny village glorious place with the hotels and the numerous in steamers anchored there. change is great, I must he stated

ne states.
for Petra, it was Mr. Thowho made it famous all the world. The film he in 1917 on the "lost city" shown to over a million

gendary leaders were his bread. He recalls them in Collowing way : LENBY: "I met him in Je-

lem and he gave me perion to go to Jeddah. I ma-nat trip with cattle, donkand war supplies." WRENCE OF ARABIA:

n was one of the most charid he; men I have ever known. was extremely modest and showy at all -- the oppo-of his legend. In those any Westerner had to the Arab costume in the

Lean called "Lawrence of ia" is disappointing. It not reflect his real person-Only two things are true: sand and the camels. All rest is Hollywood. This

is a fravesty."

NG ABDALLAH: I still

re the clever job he did

he kept 14,000 Turkish ers trapped. He was charwitty and had an outpersonality."

RI AL SAID: A close d and a great man who lot for his country and l have done much more if as not assassinated."

well Thomas was also sent resident Wilson to Europe e only correspondent co-g World War I. He was ved in three of the mai-transocean flights in avla-history. To his credit too the title of personal mes-ar of President Truman to eleaguered Dalai Lama in and the first radio interwith George Bernard

. He belongs to four halls me, one in Canada, one in pe and two in the U.S. are two museums dedito him. incurable traveller has seen elected one of the top men in the travelling bus -- the other was Neil

strong, the first man on moon. Mr. Thomas, who

written more than 50 bo-

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Thomas Lowell with his wife: Travel in his blood.

oks about his remarkable exploits, and who is still intending to travel, likes to recount

one anecdote:

"Once, standing near the top
of the Spanish steps in Rome,
I was approached by three elderly ladies, clearly American tourists. One of them recognised me and immediately exclaimed "Lowell Thomas, don't you ever go home?"
"I do, but it's also true that

I have long lost track of the number of times I have been

around the world... Those who worry about such things calculated that I have logged more passenger miles than any man up on a mountain top may have had a lot to had a lot to do with it. I have always wanted to see what is on the other side."

His new wife - - 49-year-old brunette Marianna -- does not think differently. To someone who asked if she was intending to settle somewhere, she replied: "Let's say in motion."

UNESCO head talks in May

PARIS, March 9 (JNA). - The Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UN-ESCO), Mr. Ahmad M'bo, will pay a short official visit to Jordan during May.

During his stay Mr. M'bo will meet Prince Hassan and discuss with top officials cooperation between Jordan and UNESCO in the cultural and scientific fields.

Other topics of discussion will include resolutions passed by UNESCO at its Nairobi session on Israeli diggings in Jerusalem and the cultural and educational situation in the occupied Arab territories.

tour JVC projects

AMMAN (JNA). — A group of U.S. women residents in Jordan Wednesday toured the Jordan Valley, where they looked over development projects being im-plemented by the Jordan Valley Commission (JVC).

They were briefed on the projects by JVC Assistant Di-rector Dr. Munther Hadadeen.

The visit is part of an information drive organised by U.S. women residents here so they may become familiarised with the Jordanian way of life and the development and progress the country is witnessing.



A group of American residents in Jordan Wednesday looks over development projects in the sorgan Valley. (JNA photo).

NATIONAL

* AMMAN. — His Highness Prince Hassan has delegated the governor of Amman to offer his condolences to the Saqqaf family on the death of Hashem Al Saqqaf.

AMMAN. - Officials of Jordan's embassy in Bucharest. who of Ploesti, reported that all these students were unharmed by the recent quake, sources at the foreign ministry said Wednesday. * AMMAN. - The administrative board of the tourism authority

JD 13,000 loan for the North Azraq rural council to bring elec-

NOTES

were able to meet with Jordanian students in the Romanian town has approved licences for a number of hotels and tourist offices.

AMMAN. - The municipalities lending fund has approved a tricity to the village.

Arab, EEC seminar opens today

ROME, March 9 (JNA). - An Arab-European seminar will open here tomorrow to debate the present political and economic relations between the Arab countries and the European Economic Community (EEC), and means of strengthening

Jordan's ambassador in Paris, Dr. Khalil Al Salem, has already arrived in the Italian capital to represent Jordan at the seminar, which was organised by the British newspaper the Financial Times and the Romanian Republica.

approves

AMMAN (JNA). — In its meeting Wednesday under acting Prime Minister Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali, the cabinet ap-proved an amended protocol regularising trade exchange and economic cooperation between Jordan and Egypt.

The Cabinet also decided on Jordan's delegation to the meeting of the Arab Civil Avia-tion Council, due to be held in Casablanca, Morocco, at the end of March. The delegation will be headed by Director of the Department of Civil Avia-tion Sharif Ghazi Rakan.

Yarmouk head returns after participating

seminars

IRBID (JNA). - President of Yarmouk University Dr. Adnan Badran Tuesday evening returned to Amman after participating in television seminars on the importance of higher education in the development of the Arab homeland. They were put of a programme entitled "The future at your hand", which was prepared in Tunis under the supervision of the Tunisian government and the United States radio and television corporation.

The seminars' proceedings, which were recorded in Arabic, will be broadcast on television networks in the Arab World at a later date.

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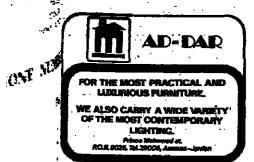


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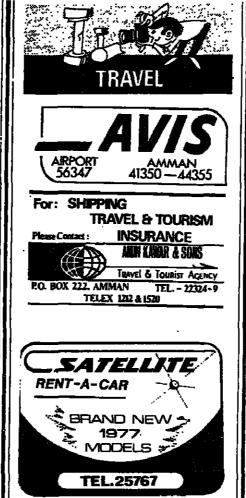






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Efe pygmies fall prey to starvation due to extensive tree cutting

PALO ALTO, California (C-SM). — "When the tall trees are felled and the water is fouled, death comes to the world," say the Efe pygmies of the Ituri forest in Zaire.

Unfortunately, the tall trees are being felled in the name of progress in this land of rain forests that was once the Belgian Congo. Without the trees for protection, they pygmies are being exposed to the withering tropical sun. According to Jean-Pierre Hallet, their self-appointed protector, they are also suffdisease and ering from

At the turn of the century, there were perhaps 75,000 of the small people in the Ituri forest. By 1950 there were only 25,000, and in 1970 only 15,000. Today Mr. Hallet estimates that only about 3,500 pure-blooded paygmies remain. Since 1972 the 6 foot 5 inch Mr. Hallet has been devoting his life to saving these people whom he calls the oldest of the earth's children.

A Belgian, he was born at the edge of the Ituri forest, where his father was a wellknown local artist. He learned the language and customs of his pygmy playmates until he was sent away to school. After graduating from the Sorbonne in 1947 with a deg-

ree in soil science he was appointed by the Congo's Belgian administration to serve as a liaison to 17 tribes representing 650,000 people. "During that period, I did everything from delivering babies to diagnosing plant diseases," he says.
But in 1957, Mr. Hallet ac-

complished a feat for which he was called "the Abe Lincoln of the Congo" by the U.S. maga-zine Sepia. He obtained an emancipation proclamation from the Nande chiefs of the Beni people which gave full free-dom to the pygmies. For more than 200 years these little people, whose average height is about 4 foot 6 inches, had been enslaved by their taller neigh-

bours.

After obtaining their emancipation, Hallet decided to spend 18 months living with the pygmies in their environment.

The knowledge he obtained about their way of life has been translated into two books --Congo Kitabu" and "Pygmy Kitabu" -- and a documentary

In his first book Mr. Hallet

observed that the pygmies had lived in perfect harmony with their forest world. "They gathered, hunted, and consumed only what they needed, and never killed an animal or even a plant without reason."

While he was with them Mr. Hallet also became more aware of the problems of these gentle people. Bantu and Sudanese pl-

antations were usurping their land. Tourists were coming in bringing peanuts, cigarettes.

Lexicographers struggle to keep pace with growing English language

The English language is growing so fast that dictionary publishers find their works incomplete before issue and have to bring out supplements.

LONDON (Gemini). — More people speak Mandarin than English, but the open societies of the Anglo-Saxon world with their social fluidity, their rapid scientific and technical, development, their inventiveness, their freedoms of speech, movement and publishing, are expanding the horizons of the English language at a pheno-

It means that dictionary publishers find their works incomp-lete long before issue so that supplements have to be brought out to keep pace with coinage of new words and expressions.

Clarence L. Barnhart, a veteran American lexicographer, compiler of The Barnhart Dictionary of New English, says: Teople get tired of using the old words all the time, just as they get tired of wearing the same old clothes. Language is a reflection of the events of the time and this certainly is an eventful time".

So his dictionary covers more than 5,000 words, besides words that have acquired new meanings. These are some of the words, first of American and then of world currency unknown when the Sixties daw-

Acidhead - a user or addict of the hallucogenic drug LSD. Blue movie - a pornographic

Pizzazz - liveliness, vitality. Psych - to break down psy-

Ratfink - a mean, worthless

Ufologist - a person studying UFO's or Unidentified Flying Objects, popularly flying sau-

or abnoxious person.

Another idea of the enormous growth of Enlish comes in an estimate from Robert Burchfield who is past the half-way mark in 19 years, work in com-piling a fresh supplement to the massive Oxford English Dic-

Whereas the first supplement covering the 1884-1933 period produced some 12,000 words such as "television", "asroplane", "Oxford bags" and (surprise!) "sex", the present post-1933 supplement is expected to have 20,000 more words.

Says Burchfield, a New Zealander who came to England in 1949 as a Rhodes scholar The language has leaped ahead since 1933 mainly because there are more people writing, more newspapers and the whole area of technical developments".

Wars, space flight, women's lib. and various cults of magic and meditation are still swelling the dictionaries.

Some ten years ago you had never heard of think-tanks, reggae, unisex, Mission Control, splashdowns, hippies, pot, software, dolly birds, pop festivals or anything being camp or high-camp. And "gay" meant what it said.

A whole new age is reflec-ted in Maoism, thalidomide, bat-tered baby, Black Power, Flower People, loo and pinta --not to speak of aggro, butch, charisma, defoliation, freak-out, guff, macrobiotics, tat, turnedon and uptight.

It is difficult to realise that in the "swinging" early Sixties in Britain, ton-up boys, in-groups, mods and rockers, meter wardens and hard shoulders, kinky boots and fab clothes were all novel words, some of them now distinctly "dated". The point about "groovy" language as it was called is that it never stays in a groove.

Go back to the early Fifties and it was a far-off Britain where no one talked of digital computers, supersonic planes, intercontinental ballistic missiles, subscriber trunk dialling (on the telephone), trading stamps, golden discs, expressos (coffee bars), transistor - radios, sex-kitten, comprehensive schools, sick jokes and women being "made" or "laid".

civilisation. Modern might say, had scarcely arrived. Not till 1966 could one have the benefit of feeling "grotty" or "blowing the mind", and you couldn't become a "cabbage" till 1969.

The slang of to-day would have been baffling -- busies (detectives) bugging (electronically eavesdropping) baddies (criminals); faggots using grass in drag; shacking-up with a kooky pusher.

Of course, it is a sign of the times in Britain that nostalgic books about the war years should have to explain to two new generations the meanings of many words out of the estimated 4,000 coined in the struggle -- dummy-run, Quisling, evacuee, blitz, ersatz, "on points" (part of the esoteric rationing system) and Fuhrerprinciple.

English has always borrowed heavily from the world's languages. There are alcohol, algebra, zero, cotton and camphor from Arabic; chocolate, tobac-co and tomatoes from Mexico; curry, bungalow, teak, bangles and pyjames from Britain's old Indian Empire; garage, cafe, chauffer and menu from France.

But with the growing complexity and range of English there is an increasing phenomenon overseas -- bits of the language phonetically rendered in other tongues.

France is making an attempt to replace "Franglais" by na-tive terms but "le smoking", "le tennis", "le biftek" (beef-steak) have long taken root. There are even such terms as "la manpowerisation", "un gen-tleman-farmer", "Toutsider" and "le dropping-zone".

In Japan if you cannot cope with chopsticks, they will offer you a "naifu" (knife) and "fohku" (fork). They have even adopted suspenders ("sasupendah") and corsets ("korusetto"). The Russians no letter H in their tongue have "guligans" (hooligans), "dhaz" (jazz) and "bifshtek".

The Poles play "futbal" and "hokej." The Yugoslav has a "lampa" on the front of his "motorbicikl". The Bulgarians dance "rok-eng-rol", Finns worry about the "atomi pommi" (atomic bomb) and the Chinese play "p'u'k'a" (oker) and have a sense of "yu meh" (bumour).

So all the time the Queen's English is getting a lot more lively and cosmopolitan, and a lot less regal.

Cartoons reappear in Peking's People's Daily newspaper

For the first time in memory the usually staid People's Daily recently featured a whole

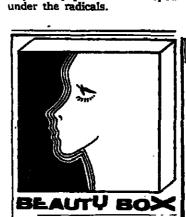
page of cartoons.
Political pathos and frolics are out. But the people's pens produced an artistic mosaic on

Peanuts, Snoopy and Andy life here since last October's Capp have competition in Pe- anti-radical coup.

The sketches, entitled "wel-come the spring", depict smiling foreign businessmen clutching contracts and intoning the words "bright prospects"

A bemused trilby-hatted purveyor of pornography, with a case labelled "yellow films", says: "Business is finished". Mao Tse-tung's purged widow Chiang Ching is accused of importing pornographic films
-- "The sound of music" has been cited as an example. Only last month the People's

Daily turned over its front page to reader's letters and piedged to liven up its dull image.
An editor's note said people
were fed up with the boring
way the paper had developed



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and sugar. The pygmies began succumbing to new diseases. To fend off starvation, Mr. Hallet began showing his friends, who for centuries had been nomads, how to plant crops for survival. Even today African tribes consider planted fields of corn and manioc sacred

aids of corn and manner sacred and will not destroy them. Now corn fields and bananas are pl-anted in the forest to help pro-tect the remaining trees. For centuries the pygmies li-ved an isolated, but Complete-ly self-sufficient, life. They sur-vived largely on a vegetable diet. The men or ranged hunts diet. The men organised hunts deep in the forest while the women built thatched huts from leaves and grass.

The children learned their roles from direct imitation. The boys were taken on the hunt and could climb immense trees by the age of two. Small girls and their mothers, working to-gether, dammed the rivers to catch crabs and crayfish. In between times they celebrated weddings and briths with special dances and music. Mr. Hallet has recorded mu-

ch of their life in his film as well as many of their prov-erbs, such as: "If you give a piece of your heart to things that you own, you cannot love people with all your heart. You become the slave of the things you own. We love and take care of people, not things." When Mr. Hallet is asked

why he spends so much time trying to save the Efe, he re-plies, "I learn so much from them." He explains that although people refer to them as primitive, they do not practice cannibalism, human sacrifice, multilation, sorcery, or initiation ordeals, or indeed, any of the other cruel customs associated the other cruel customs associated with equatorial Africa.

Whenever there is a hun the hunters bring the me back to camp where it is sha ed among all the members (the group. In times past, th game was not eaten until a h of meat had been tossed in the air, or wrapped in a let and placed in the fork of nearby tree while a prayer we

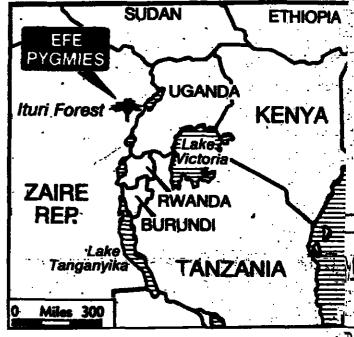
Mr. Hallet says this custor which is no longer performe-was to let Tore, or God, kno the pygmies do not take the

food for granted. While living with them, M Hallet taught the pygmies, wi had been considered untesc able, how to read and write at do simple arithmetic. This gives them a chance to compete on more equal footing with the

neighbours. In order to raise the mone to purchase the hoes, seed and many other implements uon which they are now depe-dent, Hallet has started a fur. for the pygmies. Each year I leads safaris to Africa a then returns to his friends the Ituri forest. He is also so ling his his art collection which he amassed during to period of service in the Co

go, to raise money for them Like the Elizabethan por John Donne, who said, "No mi is an island." Mr. Hallet b lieves that the world is not large that we can afford to ! nore any human tragedy....

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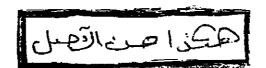
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ind the correct line. North had just enough to eep the bidding open, and ecided to raise his partper's suit because of his otential ruffing value in earts. South now had isions of slam, but whenartner could do no more han rebid three spades, he ettled quietly for game.

The same contract was seached in both rooms, and kept the dangerous hand off t both tables the opening lead and brought in a conaiwan declarer called for other room. ummy's queen, which held

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rounds of trumps, and when they failed to break, he was in trouble. He ducked a club in an attempt to set up the

suit for heart discards. Unfortunately, East won the club and shifted to a heart and declarer could not guess right. He lost two hearts, a club and a trump for down

At the other table, the Australian declarer also called for dummy's queen of diamonds, and again it was allowed to win the trick. Here, however, he found a

far superior line which increased chances for the contract—he led a low club to his ten! West won this trick with

the queen, but declarer's king of hearts was safe from attack. The diamond continuation was won by the West showed up with the

twice-guarded queen, declarer conceded a trump trick. With dummy's_club suit established, West was forced to cash the ace of

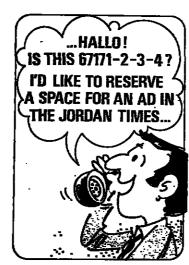
bearts or he would lose that trick. With the help of a simple avoidance play, declarer

ead was a low diamond. The tract that had failed in the

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The unchanging nature of Alexander Nevsky, by Soviet sculptor Stepan Erzya.



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but avoid making comments. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Being very sure to go through with promises is important. Show gentility toward a loved one who may be upset. Avoid one who has

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make your association ties stronger instead of severing connections, as you are thinking of doing. Some public affair may not be to your liking, but go along with it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You have to be very conscientious in handling tasks now or you could lose out where it counts the most. Try not to argue with a co-worker or there is trouble. Don't be misled. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Not a good

day for that good time you want, so wait for a better day. Put talents to work and get excellent results. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Work alone at home and improve conditions there. A new venture is appealing but

it is not good for you at this time. Make evening a happy one with those you love. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Use care in going after information you need or you get into trouble. Listening to suggestions of associates is wise. Sleep on it before

following their advice. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Stop getting yourself into any further financial problems and clear up those you presently have. Find a better way to save money.

Cut down on expenses and be wise. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Overcome obstacles that keep you from gaining your most practical aims, but use tact. Not a good time for joining in social groups. Take

health treatments you need to gain vitality. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get into those new projects that will help you to get ahead faster, but use diplomacy. Be sure to take care of chores you have been putting off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Friends who are in a quarrelsome mood should be forgotten for now. Avoid a party you have been invited to since there could be an unfortunate argument there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Make sure you follow every rule and regulation that applies to you. Pay as many bills as you can and feel more at ease.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Look into new projects that appeal to you, but don't commit yourself to any just now. Enjoy old friends and forget making new ones just now. Be wary of strangers.

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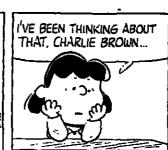
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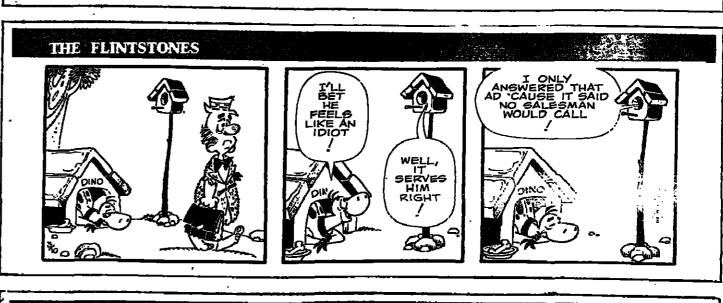
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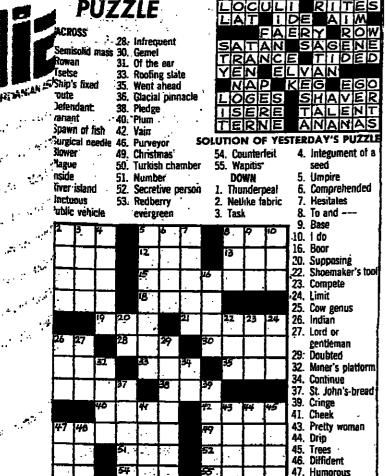
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Romania warned of further quakes

BUCHAREST, March 9 (R). — The United States today warned Romania that another earthquake could soon hit this country, where the death toll from Friday's disaster rose to about 1.500.

The warning, issued by the U.S. Earthquake Centre and sent by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, said the new quake could strike in days or months with a force of six or more on

This compares with the 7.2 registered in last Friday's ear-

Romanian officials, noting that this country had its own seismological institute, said they had absolutely no indication there was any risk of a further earthquake in Romania in the foreseeable future. The army of rescuers toiling

through mounds of rubble in the capital today unearthed four more people still alive after being trapped for nearly five days, doctors said.

The American warning, ech-oed by the Swedish Seismological Institute at Uppsala, said it would be unwise to believe that the danger of fresh qua-kes had passed because there had been no significant aftershocks since last Friday.

Western diplomats said Romania had asked five countries to suspend aid supplies while the government here studied its

The new death toll figure of 1,500 had been worked out by the authorities, but would not be officially announced until later, according to well-informed Romanian and diplomatic sour-

Meanwhile. Romania's homeless earthquake victims are to get a 10-day state-paid holiday and will collect free television furniture, and clothes when they return.

Thousands of people lost their homes in the earthquake and Communist Party leaders last night promised them new dwellings and a host of bene-fits to help them recover their old way of life.

U.N. team reports on Benin attack

UNITED NATIONS, March 9 (R). — A band of mercenaries who launched an airborne attack on the West African state of Benin in January were recruited in Africa and Europe, trained in Morocco and staged their attack from neighbouring Gabon, according to evidence reported by a U.N. investiga-

A three-man Security Council team visited Benin last month to investigate the attack, which

took place on Jan. 16.

They quoted details gained from a prisoner taken by Benin's armed forces as well as captured documents.

In the raid, staged by about 100 blacks and whites, six Benin soldiers were killed and 51 wounded when they repulsed the attack on the Presidential Palace in Cotonou, the report

It added that at least two of the attackers -- an African and a European -- were killed. The report said testimony from the prisoner and information gathered from captured documents showed the force was recurited in Europe and Africa, trained in Moroccow at a base called Bengueir, near

on Jan. 15.

From there, it added, they flew in a four-engined unmarked transport aircraft, arriving

Marrakesh, and went to Gabon

in Cotonou on Jan. 16. The mercenaries seized the airport building, and set up a command post. From there the bulk of the force set out in three columns for the city, comm-

andeering vehicles.

The report said the attackers got within 100 to 200 metres the Presidential Palace, which they attacked with machineguns, mortars and bazookas. The U.N. team said they had been told the attackers fired indiscriminately at civilians and non-military buildings.

Benin's own troops returned fire and eventually forced the mercenaries to retreat, the report added. "After some time, the atta-

ckers retreated in the direction of the airport. The Beninese military force pursued them but were not able to prevent them from leaving Cotonou Airport in the aircraft in which they had come" it said.

surpassed their previous pe-

It added that the average in-

flation rate continued to dim-inish among the 24 member states of the Organisation for

Economic Cooperation and de-

velopment (OECD), which gro-

ups the world's most impor-

The survey said: "Further-



SURVIVOR -- After being entombed for more than three days under the debris of the Bucharest restaurant where she worked as a waitress when the whole building collapsed, 35-year-old Floarea Lordache was digged out and led away from the spot Tuesday. (AP wirephoto).

Bhutto's party expected to retain control of assemblies in today's Pakistani provincial elections

Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's ruling party looks certain to retain control in all four Pakistani provinces in provincial assembly elections tomor-

The main opposition group, the Pakistan National Alliance (PNA), has said it will boycott the polls because it charges that last Monday's National Assembly elections were rigged. Mr. Bhutto and his Pakistan People's Party (PPP) had a landslide victory on Monday, sweeping 155 of the 200-assembly seats.

The opposition alliance finished with 36 seats. But the PNA won 13 out of 26 seats in the North West Frontier Prohave entertained hopes of gai-ning a majority in the North West Frontier Provincial Assembly.

But one of the opposition leaders, retired Air Marshal Asghar Khan, said there was no point contesting the provincial elections because they would be fixed to return the PPP. The PNA High Command al-

so decided to boyeott the Na-tional Assembly and called for a national strike on Friday. Mr. Bhutto last night denied the rigging allegations, and said there was no question of postponing the provincial polls in Punjab, Sind, Baluchistan and North West Frontier because of

the opposition boycott. The authorities fear fresh violence tomorrow and have kept the army on the alert.
The Sind government saliast night that troops would be stationed at the women. polling stations in Karach scene of the worst clashes o

Monday.

The PPP charged that arms PNA gangs terrorised PPP and PNA gangs men voters, while the opposition alleged the ruling part did most of the rigging at a women's polling stations.

PPP supporters said the over whelming vote of confidence.

them the ruling party won easily win a majority in all for provinces, with or without opposition from the PNA. The PPP has already won

Monday's elections convinc

provincial assembly seats in contested, nearly all in Sind ar

Watergate-style accusations hurled

PEKING, March 9 (R). — The Peking People's Daily today accused disgraced radicals headed by Mao Tse-tung's widow Chiang Ching of having used agents for illegal Watergate-style bugging activities to frame senior academics.

Informed sources here revealed plans to re-edit a film honouring the late Premier Chou En-lai in a further indication of the imminent rehabilitation of China's former Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, who was for-ced from power by the radicals. The sources said footage woreading Chou's funeral oration after the original version issued on Jan. 8 had omitted all mention of him. In its bugging accusation, the People's Daily said a "sworn follower" of Mao's widow had attempted to take over the Ch-

uld be reinserted of Mr. Teng

inese Academy of Sciences, and that radicals at the academy had fabricated false charges against people by illegally enga-ging in "bugging and adopting the tricks of special agents." The "sworn follower" was apparently a reference to the academy's purged Assistant S cretary General, Liu Chung-y ng, whom it accused of atte-pting to topple his political e-emies in the institute by lahlling them advocates of Mr. T "right deviationist line

Mme. Mao and her colleagu were also accused of being concerned with witch-huntin activities at the academy's S ismological Bureau that the ignored predictions of last J ly's devastating Tang Shan each thquake in which hundreds thousands of people are beli-

"exceeds instructions" in regretting his country's "role" in anti-Allende Chilean coup

GENEVA, March 9 (AFP). -The credibility of the U.S. delegation at the United Nations Human Rights Commission session appeared damaged in the wake of today's disavowal of U.S. delegate Brady Tyson by

Mr. Tyson a former mission-ary in Latin America, admitt-ed publically that he exceeded his instructions yesterday.

He had amazed Western de-

The State Department in Washington said Mr. Tyson's declaration to the commission yesterday was not approved in advance and "is not an expression of the administration's

view," a Senate investigation failed to unearth any evidence of direct U.S. involvement in the coup, a spokesman recal-

Mr. Tyson confirmed here today that "it was a personal statement." He said he did not regret making it although he would have expressed himself differently if he had forseen

Confusion reigned in tern diplomatic circles here today, partly because the head of the U.S. delegation, Allard Lowenstein, was absent in

But the disavowal of M Tyson apparently did not sinify that Washington was h ving doubts about the k change in its policy town Before expressing U.S. Gu.

for the Chilean coup, Mr. T son created a sensation by t ling the commission that was co-author of a Cuba sponsored resolution that will accuse present. Chile "institutionalised practi of torture" and call for a r view of foreign aid to Chile. Most of that aid comes fro

the United States. Without the military regime of Ge Augusto Pinochet would be domed, his political opponen contend.

in international Saudi Arabian influence?

government began.

NICOSIA, March 9 (AFP), -Saudi Arabia, already the main banker for the Arab World in recent years, can now expect to extend its political and economic influence far beyond its traditional domain, following its decision, announced at the Cairo Afro-Arab summit on Monday, to give \$1,000 million in aid to Africa.

power, Saudi Arabia has grad-ually turned into a world power. More and more, its weight and voice will have to be taken into account in any international arena, even if certain states

A by-product of the West's cerning the future of the Arab World has been taken in Ri-

former Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger and his suc-cessor Mr. Cyrus Vance have included Riyadh, the Saudi ca-pital, where in Oct. 1976 an Arab mini-summit managed to end the civil war in Lebanon.

The Saudi regime now looks far beyond the coasts of the Gulf or of the Red Sea. It takes a growing interest in the affairs of the Afro-Asian Third World and, for this reason, is diluting its links with the West. It has cancelled contracts

with powerful Western corpora-tions to deal instead with Asian Third World countries and on Monday announced \$1,000 million of aid to Africa, including \$2 million to the continent's liberation movements.

The Saudi move had a reverberating effect with other Arab states, such as Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan also pledging aid to Africa and the liberation movements.

With financial resources so huge that it cannot absorb them entirely for domestic purposes, Saudi Arabia assumes its new prominent stature at a time when developing countries are running into economic difficulties due, in part, to the oil price Saudi leaders have never

made a secret of their two po-litical goals in extending financial assistance: On the one hand, they seek an early settlement in the Middle East because a continuation of the Arab-Israeli conflict "destabilises" moderate regimes in the area. On the other hand, their

stated goal is to combat Con. munism and the spread Marxism. Last December, the Saudi d.

cision, together with the Unit Arab Emirates, to limit a ne oil price rise to 5 per cent wi motivated by these goals.

Saudi Arabia was trying C

get the United States to pre-sure Israel into a more mod rate attitude and at the san time trying to avert an econ. mic crisis in Europe, whit might have helped the comir to power of leftist regimes Saudi foreign policy is all based on geopolitical consider

rations. Bordering the Red Sea, f cing the African continent Saudi Arabia is anxious to pr vent upheavals expected in ea and southern Africa leading and southern Arrica increased Communist influence increased Communist influence to the control of the control o Angola where non-African toops backed by the Soviet U

ion were used, is an example Observers believe that Sau leaders had this goal in min when they decided to give casassistance to African countrie. and liberation movements.
Saudi Arabia regard Libys

rapprochement that the Sovie Union, the leftist turn of Eth opia following the recent al ortive coup and France's in minent withdrawal from Di bouti as ominous development in this context.

The Saudi strategy may we have been to use the Cairo Al ro-Arab summit to take a decisive step in Africa, politicall and economically.

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GATT survey sees slower growth in world commerce, industrial economy this year be further economic growth in duction and world trade had speed and extent of the indus-

GENEVA, March 9 (R). -The international trade body GATT said today some indications pointed to a quickening in the pace of world economic recovery and it envisaged growth in world commerce and in industrial economies this

The volume of world commerce last year was about 11 per cent above that in 1975 and value was about 12 per cent higher.

UNCTAD meet set to begin after clearing 1st hurdle

GENEVA, March 9 (R). - A conference discussing an international fund to help developing countries cleared its first hurdle yesterday as Third World delegates finally agreed on a president after two days of back-stage argument.

Delegates from 100 industrialised and developing countries met for 30 minutes and chose Ambassador Herbert Walker of Jamaica to preside over the four-week conference, then adjourned until today, conference sources said.

The meeting, which formally opened on Monday, will dis-cuss a proposed \$6 billion fund to finance buffer stocks of raw materials under a United Nations scheme for stabilising commodity prices.

The meeting, organised by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), has been held up disagreement over who should be president after it was generally agreed he or she should be from a developing

by 1 or 1.5 per cent this year.

rapid than in the past year.
"There are scattered indica-

the industrial areas in 1977,

although its rates will be less

tions from several leading economies that the pace of recovery, which was slackening for the most of the second half of 1976, may be picking up again."

negotiations begin without too much delay in sorting out pro-

cedural and organisational ar-

an UNCTAD session in Nairobi last May which approved the integrated commodity programme clearly implied that nego-

tiations on the common fund

should be completed well ahead

of individual stabilisation agreements for different commit-

"I fell obliged to draw atten-

tion to this aspect and to re-

mind delegations of the great

importance attached to the timetable in the political comp-

romise that was worked out at

the Nairobi conference," he ad-

The Nairobi gathering set the

end of 1978 as the deadline for

completing all negotiations on

18 commodities covered by the

UNCTAD programme.

WALL STREET REPORT

the New York stock exchange where the industrial average lost

Analysts blamed the setback on Wall Street's perception of the climate in Congress as unfavourable to business and the pre-diction by New York Citicorp. that short term interests will rise

roughs lost 1 1/8 at 66. International Paper lost 1 1/4 at 56 1/8 and Xerox was off 1 1/4 at 49 3/4.

of 9.14 points; Transp. at 222.63, a loss of 0.98; utilities at 107.04,

a loss of 0.42. 19,630,000 shares changed hands, of which 3,120,000

LONDON MARKET REPORT

ed by the latest banking statistics which showed a further fall in

money supply, speculation of a settlement in the British Leyland

labour dispute and the firmness of sterling. Some of the buying

was again from overseas sources and turnover was moderate to

relatively light. At 15:00 the F.T. index was up 4.7 at 408.9. Gold

Fisons finished 16p up on further reflection of its results announced Tuesday. GEC rose around 9p on speculation that the

proposed capital reorganisation may be agreed upon by all con-

drawal of Generale Occidentale's bid. Cavenham has been replaced

by British Petroleum in the Financial Times' thirty share ordinary

B.P. lost about 14p on news that the Alaskan governor is proposing new oil taxes. Other oils held very steady. Banks and

Price of gold closed in London Wednesday at \$149.90/oz.

heavy, dealers said. Net gains ranged to one point.

shares weakened with the bullion price.

cerned, dealers said.

Government bonds Wednesday scored a broad advance help-

Equities firmed in sympathy but interest was selective and

Cavenham recorded 8p of its 19p fall which followed with-

more than nine points in moderate trading.

Prices posted sharp and widespread losses Wednesday on

The most notorious shares were again the hardest hit. Bur-

At the close, the industrial average shows at 942.50, a loss

Mr. Walker said decisions at

tant non-Communist industria-The survey said it was notelised states. worthy that less than two years after the low point of the more, in the face of unprece-The survey said, "according to all forecasts there will the volumes of industrial pro-

dented strains, a general re-treat into protectionism was avoided, which in turn permitted trade to lead the recovery. While there continues to be a lack of assurance as to the But the rate of increase in both these spheres would be slower than last year, the Sec-The other Third World candidate was Ambassador Manuel retariat of the 83-nation GATT Armendariz of Mexico. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade — said in an initial assessment of world In a brief statement after his election Mr. Walker said: "Let

trial recovery, these indications of an underlying resilience in the international economy would appear to provide a hopeful perspective for longer term measures aimed at durable price stability and full employ-

The survey said the accumulated foreign debt of develooing countries without oil resources was approaching the equivalent of two years' export earnings. An increasing amount of it was owed to private banks.

"It is becoming evident that these countries can no longer be expected to finance by bor rowing a deficit which is largely the counterpart of the continuing surplus of the oil-exporting countries," it said. "Thus a sharp downward adjustment of their current account would be unavoidable unless aid flows are substantially increased.

Vietnam resettles 1.5m people for better crops

MANILA, March 9 (AFP). — Vietnam has launched a big human relocation programme that would transfer 1.5 million people from population centres to the farms, a Philippine trade mission back from Hanoi repor-

trade in 1976 and present pros-

pects for 1977.

ted yesterday. Mission members told a press conference the "gigantic task" of agricultural employment envisaged the doubling in one year alone of total land acreage from four to 8 million hectares for all kinds of crops.

The resettlement programme is reportedly being carried out largely in the former South Vietnam where the relocated

people are given the task of restoring lands destroyed du-ring the Vietnam war, or develop new farms.

Of the total of 8 million hectares envisaged in the programme, 1 million will consist of new lands, mission leader and Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (CCP) President Fred Elizalde told newsmen.

The mission, which was composed of ranking CCP officials, visited Hanoi from Feb. 2 to during which it signed a chamber-to-chamber memorandum of agreement with the Vi-etnam Chamber of Commerce on promotion of Vietnamese-

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

PRUSSELS, March 9 (R). — The Belgian franc weakened sharply in a first nervous reaction to the announcement by Prime Minister Leo Tindemans that a general election is to be held on April 17, foreign exchange dealers said. The franc fell to around 36.78 francs to the dollar from 36.7250 before the announcement and yesterday's fixing of 36.6850 francs, they said.

AMASCUS, March 9 (R). — Mr. David Rockefeller, President of the Chase Manhattan Bank, had talks with officials here today on cooperation with Syrian banks. Mr. Rockefeller, who arrived here last night for a two-day visit, met Mr. Jamil Shayya, Deputy Premier for Economic Affairs, Dr. Sadeq Al Ayoubi Minister of Finance, Dr. Mohammad Al Imadi, Minister of Economics and Foreign Trade, and the managers of several Syrian

TAIPEL March 9 (R). - The Saudi Arabian Industry and Electricity Minister, Dr. Ghazi Abdul Rahman Al Qussaiby, left here today after a visit during which he agreed on Taiwanese assistance to build a 50,000-kilowatt power plant in his country The president of the state-owned power company, Mr. L. K. Chen, said his company would send two specialists to Saudi Arabia for a survey shortly and would submit a report in two months. The Saudi Minister later arrived in Seoul for talks with the South Korean government.

WASHINGTON, March 9 (R). — The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday approved a \$29.7 billion cut in federal income taxes over the next two years as part of President Carter's plan to boost the economy.

EW YORK, March 9 (AFP). — A new square-shaped tomato Nhas been grown by experts at Davis University, California, the New York Times reported. The new tomato, coded the 'UC-82", is the latest in a series of improved types developed in California. The square tomato will be easier to pick mechanically, will stand up better to transportation and will prevent squash-

president, left here for Tripoli today on what appeared to be a last-ditch attempt to rescue the Libyan-sponsored talks aimed at ending

FILIPINO PEACE MANILA, March 9 (A-

MRS. MARCOS OFF

FP). - Mrs. Imelda Marcos, wife of the Philippines the Moslem rebellion in the southern Philippines. Chief government negotiator Carmelo Barbero said only the personal intervention of President Ferdinand Marcos and Libyan leader Muam-mar Qadhafi could save the talks. Military sources said the Moslem rebels had assured the martial law authorities that they would stick to the ceasefire, even if the peace talks in Tripoli broke down. The talks hit deadlock last week when the rebel Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) demanded its own government, army, flag and coat of arms. Mrs. Marcos visited Tripoli last December and shortly afterwards the negotiations between the MNLF and the Philippines

his own government.

legations by expressing his "profoundest regrets" for the role he said was played by certain U.S. officials leading up to the overthrow of Chilean President Salvador Allende

the reactions against it.

The American delegation's dedication to human rights had an undoubted impact during the Human Rights Commission's deliberations in the last

four weeks.
But U.S. statements are likely to meet with skeptical sm-

legations from now on.

Washington already has a ::: nounced slashes in aid to A gentina, Uruguay and Ethion because of human rights vi

Is Afro-Arab summit a harbinger of growth

By Xavier Baron

From an Arab and Islamic

are often unhappy about this development.

growing demand for energy and of fabulous oil wealth (about 25 per cent of the world's known reserves), Saudi power first expressed its full potential after the Arab-Israeli war of 1973, with an oil embargo. Since then, every decision conyadh or has required Saudi

All U.S. Middle East tours by

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

MADRID, March 9 (AFP). — The Spanish government today officially recognised the delegation here of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the Foreign Ministry announced.

UWAIT, March 9 (R). - United States Secretary of State A Cyrus Vance will visit Kuwait in the second half of July as part of a Middle East tour, the newspaper Al Qabas reported here yesterday. The paper, which quoted no source for its re-port, said Mr. Vance would also visit Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon and Israel. It will be the secretary of state's second trip to the Middle East since the new U.S. administration took over in January.

WASHINGTON, March 9 (R). — President Carter will address the United Nations in New York on March 17, the White House announced yesterday. Press Secretary Jody Powell said the president would also attend a reception there before returning to Washington at the end of a two-day trip. Mr. Carter planned to address U.N. permanent representatives in the General Assembly hall.

MOSCOW, March 9 (AFP). — Soviet head of state Nikolai Pod-gorny will visit Southern Africa "during the second fortnight in March" a spokesman for the Supreme Soviet announced today. Mr. Podgorny is to visit Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique, the spokesman said. The spokesman was unable to give a predate adding that this would only be made public after March 15.

ONDON, March 9 (AFP). - A full Atlantic summit of heads of

state and government of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) may be held here on May 10 and 11, official sour-

DAR ES SALAAM, March 9 (R). — The office of Rhodesian nationalist leader Ndabaningi Sithole here today denied a report from Salisbury that he was planning to return to Rhodesia. It described the report as "malicious propaganda". Two of Mr. Sithole's associates were quoted yesterday as saying he was about to return after two years' exile.

ces here and informed sources in Brussels said last night.

at the British Council Hall,

Tickets: JD 1